

Science, Technology & Innovation Council hosts Science Model Exhibition

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UDHAMPUR: J&K Science, Technology and Innovation Council, Department of Science and Technology Udhampur, in collaboration with Government Hr. Sec School Jaganoo, on Wednesday organised a one day Science Model Exhibition on the theme "Green Innovation and Sustainable Future."

The program was inaugurated by Geetu Bangotra, Chief Education Officer Udhampur who graced the occasion as Chief Guest, while Darshan Kumar, Assistant Director Planning was the Guest of honour. Students from different schools of complex HSS Jaganoo came up with their models escorted by their guide teachers. They beautifully explained the concepts of their models to the chief guest and other guests apart from



CEO Udhampur, Geetu Bangotra and other dignitaries presenting certificates to winners.

judges throwing light on the importance of Green Energy for a sustainable future. Speaking on the occasion, the chief guest stressed on the importance of sustainability in the coming time and how science exhibitions help in igniting the minds of young children for creative works. She along with guest of honour and Principal HSS Jaganoo visited the different stalls of the Science Exhibition and interacted with the students. She also lauded the efforts by the Principal and staff of HSS Jaganoo for their hard work and dedication in the interest of school and students.

Earlier, Sushi Rani, Principal Govt. HSS Jaganoo welcomed the Chief Guest and other guests, participants from different institutions. In her welcome address She

thanked the Chief Education Officer for her immense presence on the occasion and also gave a brief account of the school functioning for all round development of the students. She also thanked Shruti Khanna District Coordinator Department of Science & Technology for initiating the efforts of the department for organizing such events.

Kuldeep Gupta Lecturer Zoology, HSS Jaganoo coordinated the whole program under the supervision of Principal, Sushi Rani in coordination with Shruti Khanna, District Coordinator, Department of Science and Technology who brought the program to be executed.

Kuldeep Gupta gave a brief introduction of the program and spoke how Science exhibitions ultimately help in realising the skills of critical thinking, creativity, collaboration, communication as per NEP 2020 and making teaching learning joyful and effective by actually relating the classroom teaching to real life situations.

The judgment team consisted of Renu Kotwal, Sr lecturer Physics, Boys HSS Udhampur, Rashpal Singh, Sr. Lecturer Zoology, HSS Garh Dhamma and Atul Kashyap Sr. Lecturer Botany, HSS Swena.

The winners in the exhibition were given cash prizes as a token of appreciation as first, second and third category and consolation prizes to the participating schools.

Final vote of thanks was presented by Samsher Singh Sr Lecturer Physics and Vice Principal, HSS Jaganoo, who in his speech thanked all the guests and participants.

Vigilance Awareness Week 2023 concluded in POWERGRID

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GURUGRAM: The week-long observance of vigilance awareness was concluded with the closing ceremony held at Corporate Centre of Power Grid Corporation of India Limited (POWERGRID), a Maharatna CPSU under Ministry of Power, Govt. of India.

During the closing ceremony, D.K. Madan, CVO welcomed Hari Mohan, I.O.F.S., Ex Chairman & Director General, Indian Ordnance Factories and he addressed Vigilance issues and Decision Making in Complicated Situations.

R. K. Tyagi, Director (Operations) and G. Ravisankar, Director (Finance) attended the event.

The Annual Vigilance House Journal of POWERGRID 'Candour' was also released by the dignitaries on



Hari Mohan, I.O.F.S., Ex Chairman & DG Indian Ordnance Factories with other dignitaries at a programme.

this occasion. During the Vigilance Awareness Week, a Vendor Meet was also organised on 2nd November 2023, at Corporate Centre, Gurugram.

Abhay Choudhary, Director (Projects), R. K. Tyagi, Director (Operations), Dr. Yatindra Dwivedi, Director (Personnel) and D.K. Madan, CVO interacted with vendors and noted the feedback.

It brought together vendors, suppliers, and key stakeholders, laying the foundation for stronger partnerships and collaborations. Vendor Meets were also organized in the regional headquarters throughout the country.

During the VAW-2023, walkathon & several Gram Sabhas were conducted across the nation apart from competitions for school and college students for public awareness.

Zorawar releases Dogri track "Off Shoulder"

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JAMMU: BJP leader and Chairman, Team Jammu, Zorawar Singh Jamwal along with Mrs India Meenu Mahajan, Renowned Actress Neha Lahotra and social activist Zorawar Singh, here on Wednesday at Press Club, released Dogri song "Off Shoulder" produced by RJ Rahul. The song has been sung by famous singer of Jammu Amit Kundal who has so far given many popular hits in Dogri as well as Hindi language.

Music Director Wazir X Music gave the music of the song. The lyrics of the song have been written by Sanjay and directed by renowned filmmaker Aaditya Bhanu, who has already produced lot of



Chairman, Team Jammu, Zorawar Singh Jamwal along with Mrs India Meenu Mahajan and others releasing Dogri track.

songs and films to the Film Industry of Jammu. The Cinematography and Post Production was done by Vikran Mehta under the banner of Trinetra Productions. Makeup was done by Mj Color Trends.

The star cast included Amit Kundal, Parveen Sharma, Sandhya Sharma, Sushil Sharma, Mj Sunny. Zorawar Singh Jamwal appreciated the tireless working of young artists of Jammu, which is acting as a great boon in promoting Dogri language and culture not just in Jammu and Kashmir but in neighbouring states like

Punjab, Himachal Pradesh, Haryana and New Delhi.

He informed the gathering that every volunteer of Team Jammu is under oath to promote mother tongue Dogri, Art, Culture and Folk.

Jamwal also said that youth of Jammu and Kashmir and particularly Jammu region is full of talent and the only need is to channelize their positive energies in different fields. He hoped that the Dogri album would not just hit stand in J&K and but in the entire country.

Among others present on the occasion included social activist, Urja Slathia, renowned singer Sandhya Sharma, RJ Rahul, Sahil Chopra, Surinder Sharma and Avinash Sharma.

CUJ hosts National Environmental Youth Parliament



A dignitary speaking during National Environmental Youth Parliament at CUJ.

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JAMMU: Dean Students' Welfare at Central University of Jammu, in collaboration with Students for Development and Paryavaran Samrakshan organised the National Environmental Youth Parliament' (NEYPP) in the university campus.

This event, held under the patronage of Vice-Chancellor Prof. Sanjeev Jain, aimed to foster discussions and interactions among talented individuals from various universities, with the ultimate goal of accelerating India's progress and promoting environmental sustainability.

The event commenced with a brief introduction by Shubham Raina, the State Convener of SFD J&K.

Distinguished guest speakers at the inaugural session included Prof. Deepak Pathania, Dean of Research Studies, who highlighted concerns about unsustainable waste management practices and emphasized the importance of environmental responsibility.

Prof. Richa Kothari from the Department of Environmental Studies stressed the need to apply academic insights to effect real change in environmental issues.

Dr. Ritu Bakshi, Dean of Students' Welfare, congratulated the packed auditorium for their vital role in making the event a success.

Dr. Vinay Kumar, Associate Dean of Students' Welfare, concluded the session with a formal vote of thanks.

Out of 140 candidates, 32 were shortlisted for finale at university with the top 10 chosen to represent the university at the regional level, where they will compete with participants from Jammu & Kashmir, Punjab, and Himachal Pradesh.

The event was adjudicated by experts in their respective fields, including Dr. Shvetambri Jasrotia (Department of Zoology), Dr. Dinesh Kumar (Department of Environmental Studies), and Dr. Neena Gupta Vij (Department of English).

The proceedings were conducted by Meenakshi, a Research Scholar from the Department of Educational Studies.

Prof. Sanjeev Jain expressed his heartfelt appreciation for the students' commendable efforts and extended his warmest wishes and encouragement to the 10 selected students who will represent the university at the regional level NEYP-2024.

PSPS College for Women's Alumni Association hosts vibrant Diwali Mela



Principal Meenu Mahajan inaugurating Diwal Mela.

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JAMMU: In a colorful and joyous event, the Alumni Association of Padma Shri Padma Sachdev (PSPS) College for Women organized a two-day 'Diwali Mela' within the college campus. The event brought together students, faculty members, and local women, creating an atmosphere of enthusiasm and delight.

The inauguration of the 'Diwali Mela' was a grand affair, with the college's

principal, MeenuMahajan, leading the ceremony alongside all the members of the alumni association. The event featured numerous stalls offering a diverse range of items, including food, games, ethnic wear, household goods, mehndi, Diwali decorations, and much more.

Principal Meenu Mahajan expressed her appreciation for the efforts of the Alumni Association in organizing this event.

She emphasized that it provided an excellent opportunity for students to connect with the traditions and culture of our society.

The 'Diwali Mela' was a delightful experience for all in attendance, with attendees enjoying the festive spirit, shopping, and delicious food.

The event aimed to spread the joy of Diwali and foster a sense of togetherness within the college community.

Notable figures at the event included Advisor of the Alumni Association, Prof. Nalini Kohli, President Radha Sharma, Vice President Davinder Kour, Secretary Sunita Bhagat, Renu Nanda, and member Ambika Samnotra.

The 'Diwali Mela' continued for another day, allowing more people to participate and enjoy the festive celebrations.

32nd UT Level Security Committee meet held



Additional Chief Secretary, Home Department, Raj Kumar Goyal chairing 32nd UTLSC meeting for UT of J&K.

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JAMMU: The 32nd Union Territory Level Security Committee (UTLSC) meeting for UT of J&K was held here under the chairmanship of Raj Kumar Goyal, (Additional Chief Secretary) Home Department.

The meeting was convened by Kamal P. Patnaik, Regional Director, Reserve Bank of India, UT of Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh.

Senior officials of Reserve Bank, Police, Airport Authority of India, BSNL, and local heads of commercial banks were also present in the meeting.

The forum discussed issues pertaining to security and guarding arrangements at Currency Chests, movement of treasure, safety/security of ATMs, detection of Fake Indian Currency Note (FICNs), thefts/attacks/pilferage / stealing in ATMs /Banks, opening / operationalization of new / mega currency chests, market intelligence, latest developments in currency management.

ASSOCHAM J&K Council meets Director I&C Jammu, discusses issues

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JAMMU: The Associated Chambers of Commerce and Industry of India (ASSOCHAM) J&K Council welcomed Arun Manhas, the newly appointed Director of Industries & Commerce for Jammu on Wednesday.

A delegation from ASSOCHAM J&K Council, led by Manik Batra, Chairman of ASSOCHAM J&K Council and Director of Batra Group, Bhupesh Gupta, Co-Chairman of ASSOCHAM J&K Council and Managing Partner of Radisson Blu Jammu, and Amit Khajuria, Assistant Director of ASSOCHAM J&K, Ladakh, visited Arun Manhas at his office to extend their support and discuss various pertinent issues related to Industries and Commerce in the region.

Arun Manhas, expressed his commitment to fostering growth and development in the region's industries.

During this productive meeting, a wide range of issues related to the industrial and commercial landscape of Jammu & Kashmir were discussed.

The ASSOCHAM delegation pledged its unwavering support to the industries department in realizing their shared vision for the state's industrial sector.

Arun Manhas expressed his appreciation for the work being carried out by ASSOCHAM in Jammu & Kashmir and reiterated his commitment to facilitating a business-friendly environment and extending full support to the industries in Jammu & Kashmir.



ASSOCHAM J&K Council members calling on Arun Manhas, newly appointed Director I&C Jammu.

15th Tribal Youth Exchange Programme Cultural Competition, valedictory function mark conclusion ceremony

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JAMMU: The 15th Tribal Youth Exchange Programme concluded on Wednesday in the presence of the Chief Guest, Member Parliament Rajya Sabha, Gulam Ali Khatana at Saraswati Dham, here.

The day was made memorable by a series of captivating cultural dance performances during a spirited dance competition, culminating in a dignified valedictory ceremony.

In his welcome address, Nisar Ahmed Butt, State Director NYKS, J&K, welcomed the guests, MP Rajya Sabha Gulam Ali Khatana, Gandhi Global Family Chairperson Dr. S. P. Verma, Senior Journalist Rampal Singh Dogra, Social Activist S. Kirtan Singh, and the members of the jury for the cultural competition.

He elaborated on the activities and achievements of the participants throughout the week-long duration of the exchange program, including the educational



MP Rajya Sabha, Gulam Ali Khatana with cultural troop at other officials.

tours to Patnitop and various industries near Jammu, as well as several informative lectures delivered by the representatives of SEBI, Cyber Cell, DIC office, and BBIA Jammu.

Youth from nine districts over all four districts presented mesmerising cultural dance performances. A jury consisting of Dr. Shalini Rana, Assistant Professor, Cluster University of Jammu, Dr. Shubra Jamwal, Assistant Professor, Govt. College of Education, Jammu, and Priyanka Mahajan, Assistant Professor, Govt. College of Education, Jammu declared the team from district Kalahandi, Odisha as the winner, followed by district Malkangiri, Odisha, district Khunti, Jharkhand, district Bhandra, Telangana, and district Sarikela, Jharkhand.

The teams were awarded with trophies and cash

exchange programme, and expressed delight on experiencing tribal culture up close. He congratulated the participants on their successful completion of the programme and wished them the best for the future.

The guests and jury members were gifted mementos as a gesture of gratitude from NYKS Jammu.

In the vote of thanks, DYO Rajouri Nitin Hangloo thanked the guests and participants for their time. In his statement, he expressed his optimism that the participants have acquired valuable insights and cultural knowledge from the exchange program, particularly gaining a deeper understanding of Jammu's rich cultural heritage.

The Tribal Youth Exchange Programme is an initiative of the Government of India that enables tribal youth from remote areas to experience the cultural diversity of India first hand.



NGO Aradhana team posing with donors and GMC Doctors.

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JAMMU: Aradhana, a ray of hope, is an NGO dedicated to educating underprivileged children and promoting their holistic development.

While their primary focus is on children, they also engage in various activities throughout the year to serve different sections of society.

One such initiative is organizing annual blood donation camps, where they aim to make a difference by spreading joy during Diwali and giving the gift of life.

This year's blood donation camp was set up in Bahu Plaza, opposite Vishal Mega Mart, in collaboration with the Blood Bank Department at GMC, Jammu.

The entire camp was under the supervision of doctors to ensure safety and proper procedures.

Refreshments were also provided to the donors as a token of appreciation for their contributions.

In preparation for the camp, Aradhana made efforts to educate people through both online and offline channels about the importance and benefits of donating blood.

Monika Mitter, the founder and chairperson of Aradhana, expressed her gratitude to all the participants who donated blood and contributed to the success of the event. She emphasized that even small efforts like

these can make a significant difference, and they are committed to continuing their initiatives.

Aaroh team members participated in the camp include Shivam Shan, Bhawna Dhar, Sandeep Singh, Narinder Singh, Ruthaben Walter, Harsh Malhotra, Kiran, Abhishek, Devansh, Gurnaz, Varun Arora, Prabsimran, Divya Khajuria, Vineeta, Shriya, Sonali, Bhavika, Ankur Mahajan and Shipra.

These dedicated team members actively contributed to the blood donation camp and supported Aradhana's mission of making a positive impact in the community.